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Geology, spiders, history and current events will be the subject of speaker series at McNary Lock and Dam

Umatilla, Oregon – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at McNary Lock and Dam and the Blue Mountain Community College in Hermiston, Ore., have joined forces to sponsor the McNary Dam Speaker Series.

The series will cover a variety of topics related to the human and natural history of the Pacific Northwest. The presentations will be held at the McNary Dam Visitor Center Theater and are free and open to the public. Due to security requirements, those attending the speaker series are asked to have photo identification available in order to be allowed entrance into the theater.

Dates and topics are as follows:

- April 14 at 7 p.m., Corps Wildlife Technician Kye Carpenter will give a presentation on the wildlife of the Columbia River Plateau.
- April 19 at 7 p.m., National Park Service Park Ranger Ranae Rusler will give a presentation on the Whitman Mission, Marcus and Narissa Whitman and their experience in the region.
- April 28 at 7 p.m., Corps Archeologist Mona Wright will give a talk on the culture resources of the Columbia River and the Pacific Northwest.
- May 7 at 10 a.m., Corps Park Ranger Pasquale Anolfo will lead a 3/4 mile hike to a location on the Lewis and Clark Commemorative Trail and give a presentation on the geology of the Columbia Plateau River and its relationship to the human history of the region. The meeting place for the hike will be the east end of the parking lot at McNary Beach.
- May 11 at 7 p.m., Corps Environmental Protection Specialist Linda Carter will talk about her experiences in Iraq and the global war on terrorism.
- May 23 at 7 p.m., Hermiston High Science Teacher Tim McCreary and Blue Mountain Community College will give a talk about spiders and the role they play in the natural world.

For more information about the speakers series, please call (541) 922-2268.

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